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## Senate Concurrent Resolution

**No. 72**

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**Introduced by Senators Negrete McLeod, Kehoe, and Kuehl  
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 72—Relative to California Girls and Women in Sports Day.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 72, as amended, Negrete McLeod. California Girls and Women in Sports Day: February 6, 2008.

This measure would commemorate the accomplishment of female athletes, coaches, officials, and sports administrators for their important contribution in promoting the value of sports participation in the achievement of full human potential, and would proclaim February 6, 2008, as California Girls and Women in Sports Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Girls and Women in Sport Division of the  
2 California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation  
3 and Dance, in partnership with the California Interscholastic  
4 Federation, and many organizations supporting sports opportunities  
5 for girls and women, celebrate the 22nd Annual National Girls  
6 and Women in Sports Day in communities throughout California;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, This day exists to acknowledge the past and  
9 recognize current sports achievements, the positive influence of  
10 sports participation, and the continuing struggle for equality and  
11 access for women in sports; and

12 WHEREAS, National Girls and Women in Sports Day began  
13 in 1987, as a day to remember Olympic volleyball player, Flo  
14 Hyman, for her athletic achievements and commitment to ensure  
15 equality for women's sports; and

16 WHEREAS, This year, California, and the nation, lost Phyllis  
17 Blatz, a trailblazer for equality of girls and women in sports and  
18 athletics, to ovarian cancer; and

19 WHEREAS, The history of girls and women in sports is rich  
20 and long, yet there has been little national recognition of the  
21 significance of their athletic achievements; and

22 WHEREAS, Girls' and women's athletics, at all levels, is one  
23 of the most effective avenues available through which women in  
24 America may develop self-discipline, initiative, confidence, and  
25 leadership skills, regardless of background; and

26 WHEREAS, The bonds built between girls and women through  
27 athletics help to break down the social barriers of racism and  
28 prejudice, and the communication and cooperation skills learned  
29 through sports play a key role in the athlete's contributions at  
30 home, work, and to society; and

31 WHEREAS, There is a continuing need to encourage women  
32 of all ages to compete in and contribute to sports at all levels of  
33 competition and for recreation and to help prepare the next  
34 generation of female sports leaders; and

35 WHEREAS, Girls and women of all ages are encouraged to  
36 increase their self-esteem, confidence, leadership, and cooperative  
37 skills via sports and physical activity; and

38 WHEREAS, A need for increased opportunities exists for girls  
39 to participate in and pursue physical activity at the community and  
40 scholastic level to increase health and well-being on a daily basis

1 so that they are able to develop lifelong fitness habits at an early  
2 age; and

3 WHEREAS, The government encourages schools and  
4 communities to hold events that offer participation opportunities  
5 for youth along with acknowledgment for the contributions of  
6 female athletes and sports leaders; and

7 WHEREAS, “All In!” is the theme of this year’s 22nd annual  
8 national celebration; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
10 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature commemorates the  
11 accomplishments of female athletes, coaches, officials, and sports  
12 administrators for their important contribution in promoting the  
13 value of sports participation in the achievement of full human  
14 potential, and hereby proclaims February 6, 2008, as California  
15 Girls and Women in Sports Day; and be it further

16 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
17 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.